

Appl. No.: 10/550,770

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REMARKS:

Applicant requests entry of the amendments presented above, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections of the claims, for the following reasons.

The amended claims, and in particular independent claims 5 and 10, specify the following features of the instant invention:

- 1) The optical modulator has a plurality of optical modulating sections on a single substrate.
- 2) A modulating signal or a DC bias superposed with a low frequency electrical signal is applied into a specific one of the plurality of optical modulating sections.
- 3) DC biases of not only the specific first optical modulating section, but also another, second optical modulating section, are controlled based on the detected change of light intensity corresponding to the low frequency electrical signal from the optical wave exiting from the specific first optical modulating section.

The above-mentioned features of this invention are described in Fig. 8 and in the written description segments related to this figure (See paragraphs [0107]-[0121] in the U.S. publication of this application).

New claims 26-29 above clarify that the optical waveguide comprises a structure which has two sub Mach-Zehnder waveguides placed in parallel in each arm of a main Mach-Zehnder waveguide, and that said specific first optical modulating section is one including a first sub

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Mach-Zehnder waveguide, and that said second optical modulating section is one including a second sub Mach-Zehnder waveguide, as shown in Fig. 8 and described in the accompanying written description.

It is respectfully submitted that the references cited by the examiner, taken individually or together, fail to disclose or suggest the features of the claims recited in items 1 through 3 above. In particular, the cited references fail to disclose the item 3 feature above; namely that DC biases of not only the specific first optical modulating section, but also another, second optical modulating section, are controlled based on the detected change of light intensity corresponding to the low frequency electrical signal from the optical wave exiting from the specific first optical modulating section.

Conclusion. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met or overcome. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

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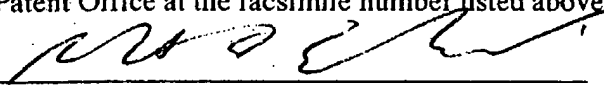
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